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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-20(Canceled).

Claim 21(Currently Amended). A barrier implement for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods for a water irrigation head used in an outside watering device, comprising:

a flexible sheet of material adjacent to the water irrigation head, the sheet including an opening for allowing the water irrigation head to protrude therethrough; and  
arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel to the water spray head;  
a stake and hose assembly for supporting the sheet above a ground surface so that the sheet is located between the water irrigation head and the ground surface;  
a threaded portion on the support member beneath the water irrigation head; and  
a nut for screwing about the threaded portion, wherein the nut holds the sheet in position.

Claim 22(Previously Presented). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the water irrigation head includes:

a microjet.

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Claims 23-25(Canceled). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the flexible sheet includes: an opening through the sheet for allowing the water irrigation head to protrude therethrough.

Claim 26(Previously Presented). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the arthropod deterring component includes: an arthropod deterring agent embodied in the sheet.

Claim 27(Previously Presented). The barrier implement of claim 26, wherein the arthropod deterring agent includes: a pesticide.

Claim 28(Canceled).

Claim 29(Currently Amended). A method of deterring crawling arthropods from reaching a water irrigation head, comprising the steps of:

positioning a sheet adjacent to the water irrigation head, the positioning step including the step of holding the sheet to a support member with a nut on a threaded shaft, so that the sheet is between the water irrigation head and the support member;

applying an arthropod deterring component to the sheet; and

preventing the crawling arthropods from reaching the water irrigation head by the sheet with the arthropod deterring component.

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Claim 30(Previously Presented). The method of claim 29, wherein the positioning step includes:

protruding the water irrigation head through an opening in the sheet.

Claim 31(Previously Presented). The method of claim 29, wherein the applying step includes:

embodying an arthropod deterring agent to the sheet.

Claim 32(Previously Presented). The method of claim 31, wherein the embodying step includes:

applying a pesticide to the sheet.

Claim 33(Currently Amended). The method of claim ~~28~~ 21, wherein the positioning step includes:

positioning the sheet between the water irrigation head and a ground surface.

Claim 34(Previously Presented). The method of claim 33, further comprising:

supporting the sheet above the ground surface.

Claim 35(Canceled).

Claim 36(Currently Amended). An arthropod deterring assembly for water irrigation heads, comprising in combination:

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a water irrigation head raised above a ground surface;  
a sheet between the head the ground surface; and  
an arthropod deterring material associated with the sheet for deterring crawling  
arthropods from reaching the water irrigation head; and  
a threaded shaft with nut for holding the sheet above the ground surface.

Claim 37(Previously Presented). The assembly of claim 36, wherein the sheet includes:

a gasket shape having a through-hole for allowing the water irrigation head to  
protrude therethrough.

Claim 38(Previously Presented). The assembly of claim 36, wherein the arthropod  
deterring material includes: a pesticide.

Claim 39(Canceled).